

## PUGET SOUND PHOTOGRAPHIC COLLECTOR SOCIETY

**WHAT:** REGULAR MEETING OF PSPCS

**WHERE:** DES MOINES MASONIC TEMPLE, 2208 S. 223RD ST (TAKE MIDWAY EXIT OFF I-5, GO TO FIRST STOP LIGHT WEST OF PACIFIC AVE SOUTH, TURN RIGHT UNTIL 223RD, THEN TURN WEST (LEFT). THE TEMPLE IS JUST WEST OF THE FIRE STATION)

**WHEN:** THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH (EXCEPT JULY & AUGUST). NEXT MEETING IS 5/16/13, 7 - 9 PM (DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM)

**WHY:** TO SHARE AND ENJOY THE COMPANY OF OTHER WHO ARE INTERESTED IN COLLECTING EVERYTHING PHOTOGRAPHIC

**MEETING AGENDA:** A SHORT BUSINESS MEETING, SHOW AND TELL; EARN THAT CAMERA; PROGRAM; REVIEW OF THE CAMERA COLLECTION PSPCS BOUGHT; AUCTION (ONE ITEM LOT PER MEMBER) AND THE DOOR PRIZE.

## PSPCS 2013 Show

### Special points of interest:

- *PSPCS 2013 Show*
- *Sustaining Collecting*
- *Free First Year Membership*
- *Kodak Catalog Collection CD Project*



This year's 33rd PSPCS Annual Camera and Photographic Show is now history. The many months of planning and preparation had paid off, we had a successful event at Kent Commons once again this year. We were missing a few familiar faces and we had some new faces among our dealers. From the feedback the majority had good sales and will be back next year. It had been asked if we could hold our show later in April or May but Kent Common is completely booked out through the summer 2014. Our show is scheduled for Saturday April 12, 2014 at Kent Commons. So

mark your calendar.

Our attendance was down again this year but we notice we had a younger crowd attending. We did more advertising in the local city newspapers with a display add the week before the show. We discussed ways to bring more people to the show. We needed to do more with social media so we setup a Meetup group for PSPCS to attract more members and a way to "Get the Word" out to those interested in photography and collecting. You can find our Meetup at:



<http://www.meetup.com/Puget-Sound-Photographic-Collector-Society-PSPCS/>

So go there and signup to be a member (even if you already a member of the PSPCS). We plan on using this social media to keep you informed of comings and goings of the group.

## Sustaining Collecting

Couple a time a month your president gets an email from someone asking questions about a few cameras or someone wanting to sell a family member's camera collection. Our organization is available to help those that need guidance on liquidating a collection or just a question on a few cameras. We decided at the last society meeting that we also may offer to consign or buy the collection outright and make it available to

our members to enhance their collections.

We have obtained a large collection of almost 1900 cameras. We will make this collection available to our members (paid current membership) so they can add to their collections. Some of the items will be available at our May meeting. We will have pictures of the trip Gary and Don made to sort the cameras and negotiate the deal at the May meeting. The bal-

ance of the collection will be available at a later date after we have had time to clean, sort and price the collection.

We will need volunteers to help with this task. Email Mike Immel to volunteer: (shutterf64@yahoo.com). If you help you will be rewarded with a camera or two for your collection. Watch your email for additional information when the sale will be held.

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Show committee member Bill Adams waiting to sell his movie camera (it found a way to buyer)



Gary Sivertsen, Rick Soloway and a mystery Orb (maybe the spirit of a past member—was it Bill?) checking out the 2013 Show

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## New Member—First Year Free

Puget Sound Photographic Collectors Society, Inc., organized in 1979, is a non-profit organization of camera enthusiasts dedicated to collecting and preserving the photographica of our past. Our member encourage appreciation of our photographic heritage.

If you are interested in photographica and have an itch to learn more or want to share your experiences signup at PSPCS's Meetup page at <http://www.meetup.com/Puget-Sound-Photographic-Collector-Society-PSPCS/> then come join us at one of our meetings and receive your first year membership free. For additional information check our website: [www.PSPCS.org](http://www.PSPCS.org) or Email: [shutterf64@yahoo.com](mailto:shutterf64@yahoo.com) for more information.

## Kodak Catalog Project

**Rob Niederman & Milan Zahorcak**  
(excerpt from their Introduction on the DVD)

The idea of digitizing a complete set of Kodak catalogs has kicked around the collecting community for many years. It's been proposed on a number of online forums, during meetings of various photo-history groups, and for years there have been many incomplete "Kodak CDs" on eBay but at best, they only contained a few catalogs - whatever the owner had available. But assembling a complete set of catalogs, then scanning and processing perhaps 3,000 to 4,000 pages, was a daunting task - if not completely overwhelming - and nothing ever came of it.

In early 2010, the idea came up again, but this time we - "we" as in "the collecting community" - were lucky. A number of collectors were willing to loan their catalogs to this project and a couple of insane - wait, let's call them "dedicated" - dedicated enthusiasts - neither of whom collected Kodak, but both of whom enjoyed the challenge of such a project - were willing to put in the time and effort to scan and pull together the entire set of catalogs into a full-blown Kodak Catalog

Digital Library.

So ... who is this project for? The specialist collector; the enthusiast; and those who desire to learn more about Kodak cameras in general - everything from common to rarely seen. We also hope this project serves as a source of easily accessible information for a new generation of collectors and educators that found vintage camera collecting a bit too mysterious.

Our initial objective was to include just the annual amateur catalogs, but it turns out that many cameras only appear in certain professional and specialty catalogs. We included as many of those as we could obtain so that almost every Kodak camera made in the US, Canada and Europe, would be documented - at least up to about 1941. After that, it becomes much more difficult as Kodak stopped producing annual catalogs as their product line became increasingly more diversified.

However, even with the additional "non-amateur" catalogs, we weren't completely successful in illustrating "every" camera Kodak ever made. There are an elusive few that might appear in specialty catalogs that we simply couldn't

track down. If you can't find one of those odd cameras that's no doubt why. We may do a revision at some point in the future if someone is willing to loan us a catalog that includes a camera that isn't already recorded.

In this project, a total of 67 catalogs were used from 1886 through 1941 including a number of professional and dealer catalogs, and in some years, two or even three different catalogs to cover all the bases. With the cooperation of a number of dedicated collectors, we were able to pull together all those catalogs and in June 2010, the project started in earnest.

By November 2010, we had scanned everything we needed and eventually all 67 catalogs were then reassembled as image folders and converted to the universally accepted PDF format and finally, converted into individually searchable PDFs which could then be searched globally as a collection. Check out Rob's website: <http://www.antiquewoodcameras.com/new.html> If you interested in a copy of the DVD please drop me an email ([shutterf64@yahoo.com](mailto:shutterf64@yahoo.com)) .

## Contact Information

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